

**§ 58-35-20. Grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of licenses; surrender of licenses; reinstatement.**

(a) The Commissioner may forthwith deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew or continue any license hereunder if he shall find that:

- (1) The licensee has failed to pay the annual license fee or any sum of money lawfully demanded under authority of any section of this Article or has violated or failed to comply with any demand, ruling, provision or requirement of the Commissioner lawfully made pursuant to or within the authority of this Article.
- (2) Any fact or condition exists which, if it had been known to exist at the time of the original application, would have caused the original license to have been refused.

(b) The Commissioner may revoke or suspend only the particular license with respect to which grounds for revocation or suspension may occur or exist; or if he shall find that such grounds for revocation or suspension are of general application to all offices, or to more than one office, operated by such licensee, he shall revoke or suspend all of the licenses issued to such licensee or such number of licenses as such grounds apply to, as the case may be.

- (1) Any licensee may surrender any license by delivering to the Commissioner written notice that he thereby surrenders such license, but such surrender shall not affect such licensee's civil or criminal liability for acts committed prior to such surrender.
- (2) No revocation or suspension or surrender of any license shall impair or affect the obligation of any insured under any lawful insurance premium finance agreement previously acquired or held by the licensee.
- (3) Every license issued hereunder shall remain in force and effect until the same shall have been surrendered, revoked, suspended, or expires in accordance with the provisions of this Article; but the Commissioner shall have authority to reinstate suspended licenses or to issue new licenses to a licensee whose license or licenses shall have been revoked, if no fact or condition then exists which clearly would have warranted the Commissioner in refusing originally to issue such license under this Article. (1963, c. 1118.)